

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant amendment and response. Claims 23-38 remain pending in the present application. Claims 23, 24, 26, 27 and 34 are amended herein. Claims 35-38 are added herein. No new matter has been added.

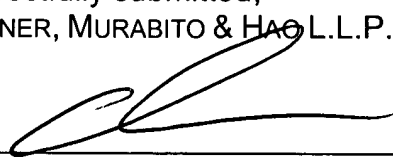
CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 23-38 are allowable and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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